

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for detecting and/or identifying bacteria present in a liquid or solid sample, ~~wherein~~characterized in that:
 - a. the sample that may contain said bacteria is placed in a liquid culture medium-(2), in a first container-(1),
 - b. a second container (4) comprising at least one system-(6) for detecting said bacteria is provided,
 - c. a means of transfer-(3) between the first container-(1) and the second container-(4) is provided,
 - d. a temperature T1 is applied inside the second container-(4), then
 - e. a temperature T2 is applied inside the second container-(4),
 - f. the temperature T1 is higher than the temperature T2 such that a defined volume of culture medium-(2) is transferred from the first container-(1) to the second container-(4),
 - g. the presence or absence of bacteria is determined and/or the bacteria are identified within the detection system-(6).
2. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the transfer means-(3) comprises at least a first opening-(7) in the first container-(1) and at least a second opening-(8) in the second container-(4).

3. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 2, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the second container-(4) delimits a first volume of air-(9) between the second opening-(8) and the detection system-(6) and/or the transfer means-(3) delimits a second volume of air-(16) between the first opening-(7) and the second opening-(8).
4. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein characterized in that~~ T1 is between 25 and 45°C, preferably between 30 and 42°C.
5. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein characterized in that~~ T2 is between, preferably between 4 and 24°C, preferably between 13 and 18°C.
6. (Original) Method for detecting and/or identifying bacteria present in a liquid or solid sample, wherein characterized in that:
 - a. the sample that may contain said bacteria is placed in a liquid culture medium-(2), in a first container-(1),
 - b. a second container-(4) comprising at least one system-(6) for detecting said bacteria is provided,
 - c. a means of transfer-(3) between the first container-(1) and the second container-(4) is provided,
 - d. a temperature T1 is applied inside the first container-(1), then
 - e. a temperature T2 is applied inside the first container-(1),
 - f. the temperature T1 is lower than the temperature T2 such that a defined volume of culture medium-(2) is transferred from the first container-(1) to the second container (4),

g. the presence or absence of bacteria is determined and/or the bacteria are identified within the detection system-(6).

7. (Currently Amended) Device for detecting and/or identifying bacteria in a sample, comprising:

- a second container-(4), comprising at least one detection system-(6), and
- at least one means of transfer-(3) between a first container-(1) and the second container-(4), said transfer means comprising at least a first opening-(7) in the first container-(1) and at least a second opening-(8) in the second container-(4).

8. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 7, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the second container-(4) delimits a first volume of air-(9) between the second opening-(8) and the detection system-(6) and/or the transfer means-(3) delimits a second volume of air-(16) between the first opening-(7) and the second opening-(8).

9. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 7 ~~or 8~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the transfer means-(3) is a non-capillary conduit.

10. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 7 ~~any one of Claims 7 to 9~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the second container-(4) is included in the first container-(1).

11. (Currently Amended) Kit for detecting and/or identifying bacteria, for implementing the method according to Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~.